

“The edge of the outer cap 26 which abuts the base plate 12 has a pair of tabs 28 which project through the opening 14, 15 or 16 and are loosely bend against the underside side of the base plate.” (emphasis added).

The specification further notes that:

“The valve assembly 10 is constructed by inserting the three electrohydraulic valves 21-23 upward into the respective openings 14-16 in the base plate 12 until the tabs 28 abut the underside of the base plate.” (second sentence of paragraph 0040).

“When the bolts [148] are fully tightened, the tabs 28 on electrohydraulic valves 21-23 are clamped between the base plate 12 and the manifold 25 preventing further movement of the valves, which thereby are secured in place.” (last sentence of paragraph 0042).

The tabs 28 on the valves 21-23 abutting the underside major surface 18 of the base plate 12 also is illustrated in Figure 2 of the application.

Therefore, the specification as originally filed provides a description of the a base plate having a plurality of openings 14-16 in one major surface 18 with an electrohydraulic valves 21-23 being received in each opening and abutting the one major surface. The tabs are able to slide against that major surface of the base plate as the valve moves in the opening along two orthogonal axes, e.g. in the plane of Figure 1. As a consequence, the application and the presently pending claims comply with the requirements of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112.

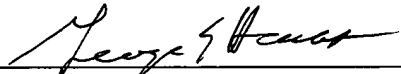
Conclusion

Because the original specification of the present application fully supports the subject matter of the present claims, reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested.

No fee should be due for this response. However, any fee that may be due should be charged to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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